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FOR ARA AND S/S

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT CARTER)  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: LUNCHEON TOAST

REF: STATE 238893

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED LUNCHEON TOAST FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON IS A WORKING MEETING WHICH ONLY A FEW ADVISORS WILL ATTEND. WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL HAVE THE FORMAT OR PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ANYTHING LIKE A FORMAL TOAST, AND MOST PROBABLY ONLY VERY INFORMAL REMARKS WILL BE EXCHANGED. WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATE ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

2. QUOTE. PRESIDENT PEREZ, DISTINGUISHED FRIENDS:

I AM HONORED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU. AS YOU KNOW, CARACAS IS MY FIRST STOP IN A FOUR-CONTINENT TOUR. THE SELECTION OF COUNTRIES TO VISIT WAS A DIFFICULT ONE, BUT I CAN SAY WITH HONESTY THAT TO VISIT LATIN AMERICA WITHOUT STOPPING IN VENEZUELA WOULD BE  
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LIKE TRYING TO WIN A VOTE IN CONGRESS WITHOUT CALLING ON THE PARTY LEADERS.  
I WOULD HOPE THIS VISIT TO BE INTERPRETED FOR WHAT IT IS: AN ACT OF THANKS AND HOMAGE FROM ONE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO ANOTHER. I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE ALL PROUD, AND JUSTIFIABLY SO, OF THIS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WHICH YOU ENJOY. THIS PRIDE IS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE, FOR ALL THAT

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT CAN OFFER, DEMOCRACIES ARE STILL IN THE MINORITY ON THIS PLANET. THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT DEMOCRACY IS LESS ATTRACTIVE; RATHER, THAT IT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN. PARADOXICALLY, DEMOCRACIES ARE BOTH STRONG AND FRAGILE BECAUSE TO SURVIVE THEY MUST RELY UPON RULE BY LAW, RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, POPULAR PARTICIPATION, AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP. I SHARE WITH YOU THIS PRIDE IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT BECAUSE, IF NOTHING ELSE, DEMOCRACIES ARE BUILT UPON A CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS AND A GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT THAT REPRESENT THE HIGHEST VALUES OF MANKIND. DEMOCRACY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAS A LONG AND TREASURED HERITAGE THAT SPRANG FROM DIFFERENT LEADERS WHO SHARED SIMILAR IDEALS, SIMILAR VISIONS. THUS, IN THE UNITED STATES WE REVERE GEORGE WASHINGTON JUST AS ALL OF LATIN AMERICA CHERISHES SIMON BOLIVAR.

YOUR NATION WAS ALSO THE BIRTHPLACE OF OTHER HEROIC FIGURES, SUCH AS FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA. MIRANDA'S PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE NOT TO BE ANSWERED IN HIS LIFETIME, BUT HE DID ESTABLISH THE SETTING FOR THE VERY DEMOCRACY YOU ENJOY TODAY. IN HIS DARKEST HOUR MIRANDA, THE "PRECURSOR OF THE REVOLUTION," FORESAW THE UPLIFTING SPIRIT THAT DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM WOULD BRING TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. OUR NATIONS SHOULD NEVER FORGET HIS FAMOUS WORDS:

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QUOTE:

CON ESTOS AUXILIOS POJEMOS SEGURAMENTE DECIR, QUE LLEGO EL DIA, POJ FIN, EN QUE, RECOBRANDO NUESTRA AMERICA SU SOBERANA INDEPENDENCIA, PODRAN SUS HIJOS LIBREMENTE DISFRUTAR AL UNIVERSO SUS ANIMOS GENEROSOS. UNQUOTE.

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